

CAREER TECHNICAL TRAINING AREA

Plumbing



Do You Like ...

- ... working with your hands?
- ... solving problems?
- ... building things?
- ... listening to others?

If so, you may be a good candidate for Job Corps' **Plumbing** career training program.

SKILLS

Learn how to perform the essential tasks of a plumber, including:

- » Assembling, installing, and repairing pipes, fittings, or fixtures according to plumbing codes.
- » Measuring, cutting, threading, and bending pipes using hand or power tools.
- » Locating and marking the positions of pipes using measuring instruments.
- » Following state and local building codes.
- » Locating malfunctions in plumbing systems and repairing them so the systems run properly.

EXPECTATIONS & REQUIREMENTS

While on the job, you will be expected to display the following traits at all times:

- » Attention to detail
- » Cooperation
- » Dependability
- » Integrity

And you will need to meet a few basic requirements in order to be hired as a plumber, including having:

- » Basic math and reading skills
- » A high school diploma or the equivalent
- » Completion of the core curriculum and passing scores on all written and performance tests

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CREDENTIALS

As a Job Corps student, you can earn credentials in your training area that demonstrate you have **gained the knowledge and skills** to help you **succeed in your career**. Credentials may lead to greater employment opportunities, higher wages, and promotions.

Students who complete a center-based Construction training area can earn **nationally recognized credentials** from organizations such as the National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER).

Students training in union-affiliated and national-contracted programs, such as the United Brotherhood of Carpenters (UBC), International Masonry Institute (IMI), International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE), International Union of Painters and Allied Trades (IUPAT), National Plastering Industry Joint Apprenticeship Trust Fund (NPIJATF), Home Builders Institute (HBI), Transportation Communications Union (TCU), and United Auto Workers (UAW), can earn a pre-apprentice certificate of completion that offers registered apprenticeship opportunities and on-the-job experience.

CAREER OPTIONS

Most **Plumbing graduates go to work in factories or for private businesses**. Most plumbers work full time, and many may work nights and weekends in order to handle emergencies. Some plumbers are self-employed and work on their own schedules.

SALARY

The average starting salary for most plumbers is **\$29,000/year**.

*For additional salary information and career path options in this field, visit mynextmove.org.



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